Installation of *tax* Machines in Telegraph offices

1982. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:

SHRI SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether FAX machines would be installed on varioiK Telegraph offices in the country so that telegrams are sent, received and delivered fast;

(b) what is the cost benefit|time benefit between the conventional Morse Key technique and the new FAX technique;

(c) what steps arc being taken to see that telegrams reach early; and

(d) what steps will be taken to modernise the telegraph facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM); (a) No, Sir.

(b) No such cost benefit|ti'me benefit analysis has been undertaken.

(c) and (d) The Department has imder-taken programme to modernize the telegraph services by way of introducing Store & Forward Message Switching Systems which eliminate renual transitiing of the messages and improve the quality of service as well as introdction of new modern terminal devices like E'ectronic Teleprinter machines, PC based Formatted Terminals, Electronic Key boards etc. This programme has already been implemented to certain extent and is likely to be completed during the 8th Five Year Plan Period. With the modernisation of the telegraph services the quality of the telegraph services will improve to a very great extent.

Improvement in the Quality of Postal tamps

1983. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:

SHRI SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA IICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how much profit has becn made during the last three years on the printing and issue of postal stamps;

(b) what steps will be taken to increase these profits;

(c) whether Government are satisfied with the quality of postal stamps;

(d) whether there are large scale complaints about the poor qulity of gum used on the back of stamps; and

(e) if so, what action wiH be taken to improve the quality of stamps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Postage stamps are used for payment of postal charges. It is only when such siamps arc purchased for philatelic put-pose of collection and preservation that tho revenue yielded is more than the cost of Operations. The pbilalelie revenue from sale of postage stamps over the last three years were as given below:

1990-91 : Rs. 2,08,20,000.00
1991-92 : Rs. 7,99,22,000.00
1992-93 : Rs. 6,38,82,000.00

(b) anil (c) Efforts are continuously inade ;o enhance the quality of postage stamps.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.